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Federal Election Commission
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MUR # 6942

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FEDERAL ELECTION
COMMISSION

Re: MUR 6869, In the Matter of the Commission on Presidential Debates, *et al.*

To Whom It May Concern:

We represent the Green Party of the United States (the "Green Party"). On its behalf, we respectfully request to join the Complaint against the Commission on Presidential Debates and certain of its directors, filed on behalf of Level the Playing Field and Peter Ackerman in the Matter of the Commission on Presidential Debates, *et al.*, MUR 6869. The Green Party shares the views of Level the Playing Field and Dr. Ackerman that the Commission on Presidential Debates ("CPD") and certain of its directors (the "Named Directors") have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act and the Commission's regulations in connection with the CPD's hosting of general election presidential debates.

The Green Party asserts no new allegations, and instead incorporates fully the allegations against the CPD and the Named Directors set forth in the Complaint in MUR 6869. Accordingly, the Commission should permit the Green Party to join the Complaint in MUR 6869 rather than initiating a new MUR and treating the Green Party's request to join as a new administrative complaint.

With this letter, please find one original and three copies of the Green Party's Complaint and Request to Join Complaint in MUR 6869, as well as four copies of the Complaint in MUR 6869 and its two accompanying volumes of exhibits, and a DVD containing electronic copies of these documents.

Please contact me if the Commission has any questions or needs additional information. We hope that the Commission will move expeditiously to address our request to join the Complaint, as well as to address the matters raised in the Complaint.

Sincerely,



Alexandra A.E. Shapiro

Encl.

cc: Kim Collins, Office of Complaints Examination and Legal Administration (via e-mail)

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of

Commission on Presidential Debates,
Frank Fahrenkopf, Jr., Michael D. McCurry,
Howard G. Buffett, John C. Danforth,
John Griffen, Antonia Hernandez,
John I. Jenkins, Newton N. Minow,
Richard D. Parsons, Dorothy Ridings,
Alan K. Simpson, and Janet Brown

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REQUEST TO JOIN COMPLAINT IN MUR 6869 OR COMPLAINT

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Complainant Green Party of the United States (the "Green Party") joins the Complaint of Level the Playing Field and Peter Ackerman filed before the Federal Election Commission In the Matter of Commission on Presidential Debates, *et al.*, MUR 6869 (the "Complaint"). The Green Party shares the views of Level the Playing Field and Dr. Ackerman that the Commission on Presidential Debates ("CPD") and certain of its directors, in connection with their hosting of general election presidential debates, have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act and the regulations of the Federal Election Commission, for the reasons set forth in detail in the Complaint, which are incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein. *See* 52 U.S.C. §§ 30118(a), 30116(f), 30103, 30104; 11 C.F.R. § 110.13.

The Green Party evolved from gatherings of people concerned with various matters that included ecology, civil rights, and peace to a more formalized and structured political party. The Green Party's address is 6411 Orchard Avenue, Suite 101, Takoma Park, Maryland 20912, and its mailing address is PO Box 75075, Washington, DC 20013.

Ralph Nader was the presidential candidate of several state Green Party organizations in 1996, with a self-imposed campaign spending limit of \$5,000. The Association of State Green Parties (which changed its name to the Green Party of the United States in 2001) nominated Ralph Nader to be its presidential candidate again in 2000, when he received 2,833,105 votes (2.7 percent of all votes cast). In 2004, the Green Party's presidential candidate was David Cobb, who earned ballot status in 28 states. The Green Party presidential candidate in 2008 was former six-term Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney, who achieved a ballot line in 31 states and the District of Columbia, all of which, combined, comprised more than 70% of all votes and 68% of electoral votes. In 2012, the Green Party presidential candidate, Jill Stein, was the second

Green Party candidate to qualify for matching funds from the Federal Election Commission and qualified to be on the ballots in 36 states and the District of Columbia, representing 81.6% of electoral votes. After being denied inclusion in the 2012 presidential debates by the CPD, she received 469,501 votes (0.36% of the popular vote). Green Party presidential candidates, including Dr. Stein in 2012, have been excluded from all general election presidential debates since the CPD adopted its selection criteria challenged in the Complaint.

For the reasons set forth in the Complaint of Level the Playing Field and Peter Ackerman. In the Matter of the Commission on Presidential Debates, *et al.*, MUR 6869, the Green Party respectfully requests that the Federal Election Commission find the CPD and its directors have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act and the regulations of the Federal Election Commission, and grant the relief sought in the Complaint.

Dated this 15th day of June, 2015.

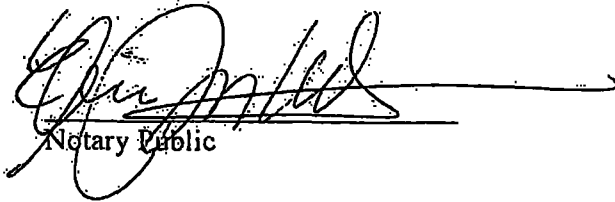
Respectfully submitted,

Karen Young Peterson

Green Party of the United States

By: Karen Young Peterson, Co-Chair

Signed and sworn to before me this 15th day of June, 2015


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